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FOLLOW UP TO BLN 751

AT 1850Z US MILITARY SEDAN WITH TWO (2) UNIFORMED PASSENGERS ENTERED EAST BERLIN WITHOUT BEING STOPPED. AT 1852Z SOVIET STAFF CAR OBSERVED LEAVING BABEL PLATZ TANK PARK TOWARD FRIEDRICHSTRASSE HOWEVER, AS OF 1900Z CAR HAS NOT RPT NOT ARRIVED IN AREA OF CROSSING POINT. AT 1855Z SOVIET TANK CREWS DISMOUNTED FROM TANKS AND ARE STANDING BY.

EAST GERMANS IN AREAS TO REAR OF SOVIET TANK COLUMN THAT CAN BE OBSERVED FROM CHECK POINT CHARLIE ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 100. PEOPLE ARE QUIETLY OBSERVING.

INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SHORTLY AFTER NIGHT FALL EAST GERMANS TURNED ON FLOOD LIGHTS AT CROSSING AREA. SEARCH LIGHTS ON US TANKS WERE TURNED ON AND DIRECTED AGAINST EAST GERMAN FLOOD LIGHT OPERATORS. AFTER FEW MINUTES GERMANS EXTINGUISHED THEIR LIGHTS. ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT WATER CANNON REPORTED IN LAST MESSAGE POINTED TOWARDS NORTH.

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